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Confirmation No.: 3348

3711  
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In re application of:

Richard A. Brandt

Serial No.:

09/971,830

GROUP ART UNIT: 3711

Filed:

October 4, 2001

EXAMINER: R. Chiu

For:

**SPORTS RACKET HAVING UNIFORM STRING STRUCTURE  
RESPONSE TO 12/20/04 NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*21	MINUS	**21	0	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 3	MINUS	3		( ) X 44.00 ( ) X 88.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$150.00 ( ) \$300.00 ONE TIME	\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$	

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

- \*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.
- ☐ Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ months so that the period for response is extended to \_\_\_\_\_. A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached
- ☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
- ☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
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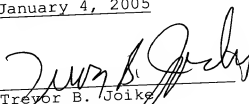
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**INTRODUCTION**

The claim amendment section is being re-submitted per the Notice of Non-compliance.